

able place to live in. The wind is not near so frequent as in the Mississippi valley or Nebraska, and the dust we will overcome to a great extent by irrigation and seeding to Alfalfa. I will speak.

3. Of the roads. We are  $7\frac{1}{2}$  miles from R. R. station. The road is as nature made it, and it is not very well made. In fact, while nature has done much for us, it has left a very useless, uninviting country. It is like the marble or granite in the quarry—requires the mind and hand of man to bring out its beauties. We have abundance of materials at hand to make good roads and in time we will make them just as we want them. I will speak.

4. Of health. We are 15 miles from the nearest doctor. I have not heard of him having been called to our neighboring since I am here. I heard of a woman who has heart disease. I have learned of many persons who were cured of lung trouble since coming here, and I believe the elements for a rheumatic country are lacking here. I will name as

5. Our people—society. There is room for improvement, but there is quite as much culture and refinement as in the average rural community in the east. Our schools at Sunnyside are crowded—two departments. Mrs. J. E. Laird, one of our number, teaches and we will have opportunity to make our schools just what we want. Two of our last additions are ministers and we have good preaching every Sunday. Our S. S. is growing in number and interest.

6. Of what we are doing. We are all farming, that is we are all getting ready to farm, and it requires lots of work to put up new buildings, level land to irrigate, make roads, &c. There are now six families here and a few more expected soon. J. E. Laird and family of Lanark, Ill., D. P. Weybright and family of Bond, Kansas, Eld. D. B. Eby and family of Lena, Ill., Eld. S. H. Miller and family of Waterloo, Iowa, Edward Blough and family of Waterloo, Iowa, and the writer and family. Besides these Edward Hamilton of Lanark, David Swetzer of Kansas, and a Mr. Casebeer of Iowa, have joined our number as laboring men and carpenters. We are all head over ears in work. I built a stable 16x64, shingle roof. It will cost less than \$100. Eby and Miller will put up substantial buildings this winter. C. Rowland of Lanark, has sent us plans for a good house to be built on his land here. Everything is going our way, but let no one figure on it without an effort. Don't come here never expecting to take cold, or get tired when you work. We do have some seedless grapes, but don't look for thornless blackberries. It is my opinion that money and brains and physical endurance will work marvels in this new country. Hay sells at \$3 to \$6 per ton, butter 25c. per lb., eggs, 25c per doz., flour 75c to \$1.05 per sack, apples, finest I ever saw, 75c per bu., potatoes, best I ever ate, 25c to 35c per bu., live hogs 5c per lb., live turkeys 10c per lb.

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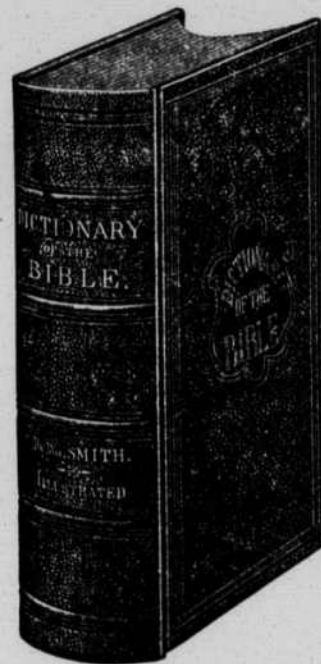
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